

Author Spotlight Clive Cussler

Clive Cussler was born in Aurora, Illinois on July 15, 1931. The Grand Master of the American action adventure novel grew up in Alhambra, California. He attended Pasadena City College for two years, but then enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War where he served as an aircraft mechanic and flight engineer in the Military Air Transport Service. Upon his discharge, he became a copywriter and later creative director for two of the nation's leading ad agencies.

In 1955, Cussler married Barbara Knight and they remained married for 48 years until her death in 2003. Together they had three children, Teri, Dirk and Dana, who have given him four grandchildren. Dirk co-wrote *Black Wind* with his father in 2004.

Cussler began writing in 1965 and published his first novel featuring Dirk Pitt in 1973. His first non-fiction work, *The Sea Hunters*, was released in 1996. Because of this work the Board of Governors of the Maritime College, State University of New York considered *The Sea Hunters* in lieu of a Ph.D. thesis and awarded Cussler a Doctor of Letters degree in May of 1997. It was the first time since the College was founded in 1874 that such a degree was bestowed.

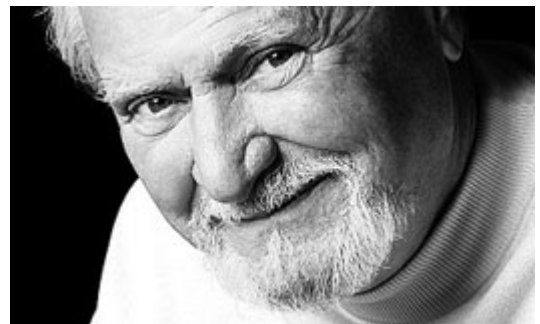
As *The Sea Hunters* and *The Sea Hunters II* relate, Cussler is the founder the National Underwater & Marine Agency, (NUMA) a non-profit organization that dedicates itself to American maritime and naval history. Cussler and his crew of marine experts and NUMA volunteers have discovered over 60 historically significant underwater wreck sites. After verifying their finds, NUMA turns the rights to the artifacts over to non-profits, universities, or government entities all over the world. Some of these finds include the C.S.S. Hunley, best known as the first submarine to sink a ship in battle; the Housatonic, the ship the Hunley sank; the U-20, the U-boat that sank the Lusitania; and the remains of the Carpathia, the valiant ship that braved icebergs to rescue the survivor's of the Titanic. In addition to being Chairman of NUMA, Cussler is a fellow in both the Explorers Club of New York and the Royal Geographic Society in London. He has also been honored with the Lowell Thomas Award for outstanding underwater exploration.

A noted collector of classic automobiles, Cussler owns 85 of the finest examples of custom coachwork and 50's convertibles to be found anywhere. Today he divides his time between the mountains of Colorado and the deserts of Arizona.

Cussler's books are published in more than 40 languages in more than 100 countries.

Visit Clive Cussler's website at
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